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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR and RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of works of CC Roads under MGNREGS Programme in PR Division, Tekkali, Srikakulam District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri G. Pradeep Kumar, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Tekkali, Srikakulam District - Charge proved in the inquiry - Imposition of penalty of withholding of one (1) annual grade increment withoutcumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Orders –Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.591 **Dated: 08.11.2021**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, GA (V&E) Department, VR No.11(48/V&E/E2/2014), Dt.28.08.2014.
2. G.O.Rt.No.756,PR&RD(Vig.I)Department,Dt:15.06.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.763 PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 15.06.2018.
4. From ENC, PR, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Ser.I(1)/2778/2014, Dt.02.11.2018.
5. From CPR&RE, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.547220/ DPR&RD /E2. Vig/2014, Dt.06.03.2019, 29.03.2019, 25.04.2019 & 22.05.2019.
6. G.O.Rt.No.235, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 12.05.2020.
7. From Sri J. Sathyanarayana, IPS (Retd.), Commissioner of Inquiries, G.A.(COI) Department and Inquiring Authority, D.O. Letter NO. 66/COI-JS/2020, dt: 30.09.2020.
8. Govt. Memo No. 15865/Vig.I//2014. PR&RD (Vigt. I) Dept., Dt: 10.11.2020.
9. From Sri G. Pradeep Kumar, Dy.EE, PRI Sub-Division, Pathapatnam, representation dt: 16.11.2020.

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ORDER :

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department made in the reference 1st read above, on the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads under MGNREGS programme for the FY 2012-13 in PRI Division, Tekkali, Srikakulam District, Government in the reference 2nd read above, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of above said rules vide reference 3rd read above against Sri G. Pradeep Kumar, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Tekkali, Srikakulam District with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

(P.T.O.,)

Charge:

That Sri G. Pradeep Kumar, DEE, PRI Sub-Division, Tekkali, Srikakulam District has committed certain irregularities in check measuring and recommended for payment for the substandard road work i.e. (1) Construction of CC road and drains in SC street of Jadyada, for inferior quality of execution of CC pavement with M30 grade and (2) Laying of CC roads and side drains from SC street 1 at Vankilivanipeta H/o Umilada for deficiency in thickness of CC pavement and more than 20% deficit in thickness of sand filling later, which was sanctioned under MGNREGS programme for the financial year 2012-13 in Srikakulam district and caused loss to the Govt. exchequer to an amount of Rs.5,49,403/- in work No.1 and Rs.59,953/- in work No.2.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, PR has furnished the acknowledgment copy according to which the charges were got served on the charged officer on 24.08.2018. But the C.O., has not submitted his defence statement. After examination of the matter, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, Government have entrusted the case to Commissioner of Inquiries and appointed Sri J. Sathyanarayana, IPS (Retd.), C.O.I, G.A (COI) Department as the Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charge framed against charged officer Sri G. Pradeep Kumar, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR) in the matter and also other eighteen (18) co-charged officers involved in the case.

3. In the reference 7th read above, the the Inquiring Authority has furnished inquiry report dt: 30.09.2020 along with his findings on each charged officer. In the findings the Inquiring Authority, among others, has held that the charge framed against the Charged Officer Sri G. Pradeep Kumar, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR) is held proved.

4. In the reference 8th read above, Government, among others, have communicated the copy of the Inquiry report to the charged officer Sri G. Pradeep Kumar, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR) for submitting his representation, if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

5. In the reference 9th read above, the charged officer Sri G. Pradeep Kumar, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR) has submitted representation duly stating that the works were executed by the unskilled labour as per MGNREGS norms. The CC roads are good condition as on the date. He has requested the Government to re-examine the matter and to drop further action against him.

6. Government have examined the matter and observe that the very objective of the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department is that

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The Engineering works that are being executed in Gram Panchayts i.e,. either through Contractors or through any other agencies viz,.Sarpanches etc,. shall be executed strictly in accordance with norms, work estimates and technical specifications without any deviation. It is the primary task of the PR. Engg. Personnel to ensure the maintenance of quality in execution of works. When the works are executed under the administrative control of the PR Engg. Personnel, then they are only responsible for inferior quality of execution and the lapses regarding inferior quality of works executed could not be simply thrown on executive agencies viz., Contractors, Sarpanches etc., As per the written statements of defence of all the charged officers, the recovery proposed by the V&E was made good subsequently and this shows that there was substandard execution was carried out. As such, the charged officer is responsible for substandard execution. Hence, his representation to drop further action is devoid of merits since he is not absolved from the charge.

7. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter have decided and hereby order to impose the penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri G. Pradeep Kumar, former Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Tekkali and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Pathapatnam, Srikakulam District in the matter.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada is requested to take necessary action accordingly in thematter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri G. Pradeep Kumar, former Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Tekkali and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer,PR, Pathapatnam, Srikakulam District

through Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the order on the individual and furnish served copy to Government immediately).

Copy to:

The A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.

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SECTION OFFICER